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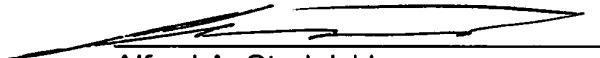
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 5-066878, filed in Japan on March 25, 1993.

The certified copy of the above-referred to Japanese Patent Application was filed on June 16, 1994 in prior application Serial No. 08/215,625, filed March 22, 1994.

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